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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am under the impression, Sir, that the hon. Member is in a better position to negotiate with the district board at present than myself."

Tuberculosis Specialist for the General Hospital, Pudukkottai.

* 400 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why no Tuberculosis Expert has been appointed to the Tuberculosis section of the General Hospital, Pudukkottai in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) whether this section had any such expert before the merger of the State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) After the merger of the Pudukkottai State in the Indian Union the Tuberculosis Specialist proceeded on long leave from 5th January 1951 and finally retired on 4th November 1952. Thereafter no specialist has been appointed for want of qualified hands.

" (*b*) There was no separate post of Tuberculosis Specialist sanctioned for this hospital before the merger of the State."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, if the Government are not very serious about appointing an expert what is the earthly use of having separate sections and calling it a T.B. Section? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, at present there are only six beds for T.B. patients. There is now a proposal under consideration for constructing two wards of 18 beds each. When this work is completed, steps will be taken to appoint an Assistant Surgeon with the necessary qualifications and experience."

Grant of agricultural loans in Malabar.

* 401 *Q*.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of agricultural loans distributed in the taluks of Kottayam, Chirakkal, Wynaad and Kurumbranad in Malabar district during the period 1st May to 1st October 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The amounts of agricultural loans distributed during the period, 1st May 1954 to 1st October 1954, in the four taluks of the Malabar district mentioned are given below :—

	RS.
Kottayam	26,530
Chirakkal	30,925
Wynaad	6,570
Kurumbranad	18,790."

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SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware of the fact, Sir, that the poor peasants are not benefited by the present arrangements of giving loans and will Government see that preference is given to these people in the grant of loans? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I would request the hon. Member to give me a scheme providing for better arrangements, if he can."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know whether these loans are granted in kind or in cash? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Cash, Sir. I said rupees."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" ஸார், இந்தக் கடன்களெல்லாம் தக்க ஜாமீன் பேரில்தான் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. அப்படிக் கொடுப்பதால் நிலமில்லாத விவசாயிகள் இந்தக் கடன் மூலமாக எந்தவிதமான வசதியும் அடைய முடியவில்லை. ஆகவே நிலமில்லாத விவசாயிகளுக்கு மகசூலின் பேரில் கடன் கொடுத்து அதை வசூலிக்க ஒரு திட்டத்தை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கொண்டுவருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We have relaxed the rules in a different way. For instance, loans can be advanced on the security of dwelling houses. Loans will be advanced on personal security also."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* PROMULGATION OF ORDER UNDER SECTION 41 OF THE MADRAS CITY POLICE ACT.

12 noon. MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri P. Jeevanandam has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

' This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the order of the Commissioner of Police under Section 41 of the Madras City Police Act, banning all meetings, processions, demonstrations in public places or streets in the City of Madras, for a period of 15 days from 7th December 1954 on the plea of the then impending All-India Bank Employees' General Strike on the 10th of December 1954 and thus preventing the normal activities of the trade unions, youth associations and other public bodies, and creating discontent amongst them.'

Has the Hon. Minister anything to say on the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This order was issued because of the impending strike by Bank employees. Now that that is not coming off, we will consider the situation and perhaps withdraw the order itself, apart from the question whether there is an adjournment motion here or not."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Apart from that question, the Hon. Minister will consider the matter and perhaps withdraw the order."